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Great Women of Islam

Who were given the good News of Paradise

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In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Verily, the Muslims (those who submit to Allâh in Islâm) men and women, the believers men and women (who believe in Islâmic Monotheism), the men and the women who are obedient (to Allâh), the men and women who are truthful (in their speech and deeds), the men and the women who are patient (in performing all the duties which Allâh has ordered and in abstaining from all that Allâh has forbidden), the men and the women who are humble (before their Lord — Allâh), the men and the women who give *Sadaqât* (i.e. *Zakât* and alms), the men and the women who observe *Saum* (fast) (the obligatory fasting during the month of Ramadân, and the optional *Nawâfil* fasting), the men and the women who guard their chastity (from illegal sexual acts) and the men and the women who remember Allâh much with their hearts and tongues. Allâh has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e. Paradise). (33:35)

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Publishers Note

All praises are due to Allâh the Almighty, the Lord of all that exists. May Allâh's peace and blessing be upon His final Prophet and Messenger, Muhammad, his family and his Companions.

Darussalam is pleased to present this valuable book, '*Great Women of Islam, who were given the good News of Paradise*'. It was compiled in the Urdu language by a great scholar and a compiler of Islamic books, Mahmood Ahmad Ghadanfar, and translated by our Islamic sister Jamila Muhammad Qawi.

This book is about the life stories of the Mothers of the believers and sixteen Prophet's women Companions. They were those pure and virtuous women of Islam who were honored during the very lifetime of the Prophet ﷺ with the prediction that they would live forever in Paradise in the Hereafter.

All the Mothers of the believers were of very noble character and conduct and pleased Allâh so much that He sent special greeting for Khadijah رضي الله عنها. 'Aishah رضي الله عنها had a brilliant mind and a remarkable memory, and had the distinction of being the source of many *Ahâdith* because of her long association with the Prophet ﷺ. Her knowledge of the many branches of religion like *Tafsir*, *Hadith*, *Fiqh* and *Shari'ah*, her wisdom in interpretation, her mastery of the teachings of the Prophet ﷺ – all these qualities made her one of the most remarkable personalities of the time.

Female Companions were very active in religion as well as in politics

and business. They were so courageous in the battlefield that their services like giving medical aid to the soldiers, nursing the wounded on the battlefields, and providing food and water to the wounded and thirsty can be found in history. They spread the message of Islam and it is proved by many of the instances that converted many of the disbelievers to Islam.

There are many more stories like this that will encourage our Islamic sisters to get more knowledge about such great women. I hope that they will study this book thoroughly and try their best to follow these noble women of Islam.

Pray to Allâh the Almighty that He grants them all – the writer, translator and editor and everyone else who participated by any means – the best reward in this world and in the Hereafter, for having supported in the completion of such a valuable book. *Âmeen*

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Exploits and Achievements of the *Sahâbiyât* (Women Companions)

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The *Sahâbiyât* (Women Companions) were the noble women who were the contemporaries of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. They were the pure, virtuous crusaders of Islâm, and were honored during the very lifetime of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ with the prediction that they would live forever in Paradise in the Hereafter. Their achievements and influence are found in every sphere of that momentous period in the history of the world, when the whole of humanity would be transfigured forever. They were as active in religion as in politics, as courageous in war as in the peaceful and persuasive propagation of the teachings of Islâm. These noble selfless women could be found in the battlefields among the foremost ranks of those taking part in *Jihâd*. They were to be found in the political arena, in the field of education, in the courts of Islâmic jurisprudence, in the interpretation of *Shari'ah*,¹ in trade and commerce, in agriculture, in medicine and in nursing. In short there was no sphere that did not benefit from their intellect, their wisdom and their gentle yet firm strength of character.

Religious Achievements

Among the many services that one can render to Islâm, is to fight in the battlefields. Few, if any, examples of such zeal, determination,

¹ The collective body laws as revealed by Allah ﷻ.